

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SUMIT WADHWAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

DANIELLE LEHMAN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00664-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
~~[PROPOSED]~~  
ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
July 1, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to hold this case in abeyance until January 8, 2025. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate his Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on July 23, 2024. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until January 8, 2025.

1 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706  
2 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to  
3 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for  
4 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
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6 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
7 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for September 10, 2024. USCIS  
8 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,  
9 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for  
10 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status  
11 report to the Court within seven (7) calendar days. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental  
12 documents and evidence, if any, to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff  
13 recognizes that failure to submit documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be  
14 rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the  
15 interview, otherwise the interview will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed.  
16 Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s asylum  
17 interview and then process his asylum application.

18 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the  
19 case in abeyance until January 8, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before  
20 January 8, 2025.

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1 DATED this 1st day of July, 2024.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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13 ***I certify that this memorandum contains 385***  
14 ***words, in compliance with the Local Civil***  
***Rules.***

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The parties having stipulated and agreed, it is hereby so ORDERED. This case shall be held in abeyance until January 8, 2025. The parties shall file a stipulated motion for dismissal or a joint status report on or before January 8, 2025.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2024.



MARSHA J. PECHMAN  
United States District Judge